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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
B. ROWORTH TURNER,
B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab.

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September, 1947.

TO THE OUNDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the Health of the Town during the year 1946 as follows :—

General Description.

The town stands at a level varying from 60 to 200 feet above sea-level.

It comprises an area of 2,075 acres, exclusive of that covered by water.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the resident population (mid-1946) is 2,383. This figure, I think, does not include the Oundle School boys, who live in the town for approximately nine months in the year and number over 600.

There are 656 inhabited houses at the end of the year, according to the Rate Books.

The rateable value is £18,406.

A penny rate produces £73 9s. 7d.

The chief industries are a brewery and general shops.

There is an important public school and two elementary schools.

Vital Statistics.

	Male	Female
LIVE BIRTHS—TOTAL	20	25
Legitimate	17	23
Illegitimate	3	2
STILL BIRTHS.		
Legitimate	2	0
Illegitimate	0	0

Birth rate = 18·8 per 1000.

DEATHS.

There were 35 deaths 19 16

There were no deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Death Rate = 10·46 per 1000.

Infantile Death Rate = 0 per 1000.

There were no deaths from Tubercle or any Zymotic Disease, excepting one from Influenza. Cancer was the cause of 7 deaths; Heart Disease, Pneumonia and Circulatory Diseases accounted for the others.

Zymotic Diseases.

Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	21 notifications
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	1	„
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	0	„

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31 December, 1946.

Age at 31.12.46... <i>i.e.</i> Born in Year	Under 1 1946	1 1945	2 1944	3 1943	4 1942	5 to 9 1937-1941	10 to 14 1932-1936	Total under 15
Number Immunised		17	36	28	26	106	140	353
Estimated mid-year population 1946	172					288		

Sanitary Circumstances.

WATER is abundant and hard, but of good quality. Quarterly examinations have all been excellent. Water is softened from 29 to approximately 10 to 14 degrees of hardness.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—Drains and sewers are well kept.

The sewage works are old, but effective.

House refuse is collected twice a week.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.—There is a public lavatory for Women in the Market Place.

SWIMMING BATHS.—There is a bathing place in the river under the Council's direction and Oundle School has a large open-air swimming bath.

The town is clean and healthy, food, water and drainage are good and roads are well kept.

I append the Surveyor's Report.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

B. R. TURNER, B.A., M.B., B.C. Cantab.

Oundle Urban District Council.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF WATERWORKS ENGINEER,
SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.**

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

DEAR SIR,

I herewith submit my Report of work carried out for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Public Water Supply.

A pure and constant Water Supply has been maintained throughout the year in spite of the record floods.

The consumption is above normal.

The water is softened from 29 to 12 to 14 degrees of hardness.

Quarterly Bacteriological Analyses have been excellent, no harmful organisms of any description were found in any of the samples and the Chemical Analysis was also excellent.

Number of population supplied direct to the houses, 2,649. Supplied by standpipes, 136.

Main Sewers.

The main sewers have been regularly inspected and flushed and are in order.

Sewage Outfall Works.

The Sewage Outfall Works have been well maintained.

Sewer Rodent Control.

As directed by the Ministry of Food, 75% of the man-holes were pre-baited. Total takes only 5. Poison baits were then laid—only 2 complete baits were taken; no bodies were found.

The Rat Campaign.

A large amount of poison was given to the public on application. The Council's refuse tip was pre-baited;

result, complete take. 4 days later 50 poison baits were laid ; result, 75% taken and 21 rats were found dead.

Food Inspection.

On request the undermentioned commodities were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119 lbs.
Spam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8½ lbs.
Baked Beans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55 tins.
Imported Pork	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88 lbs.
English Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58 lbs.
Meat and Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 tins.
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144 tins.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39 tins.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 lbs.
Jam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 tins.
Peas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 tins.
Beef Cubes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 dozen.

Infectious Disease.

All infected and dirty houses were fumigated and bedding and clothes treated at the Institution in the Steam Disinfectory.

Milk and Dairies Order.

Regular inspections have been made.

Tuberculin tested milk is being produced at the Stoke Road and Ashton Road Dairy Farms respectively.

Extensive improvements have been carried out at both farms.

Clean Milk Production (Keeping Quality).

12 samples of Raw and T.T. Milk were taken during the year.

All samples of T.T. Milk were designated Good.

5 samples of Raw Milk were designated Good.

2 samples of Raw Milk were designated Bad.

Houses Examined showing Cause for Action.

Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>
Dirty Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective Drainage and Fittings and General Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	57
Other Causes	...	...	...	...	...	4

NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED.

1. Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>
2. Preliminary and Letters	...	...	...	...	...	29

INSPECTIONS OTHER THAN NUISANCES.

Works in Progress	...	...	...	...	...	41
Bakehouses, Dairies, Cowsheds, and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	22

Drainage and Sanitation.

Improvements have been carried out to 21 houses.

Ministry of Works.**Control of Civil Building.****LICENCES.**

On behalf of the Minister of Works the writer has granted 91 Licences for repairs and renovation of houses and other properties.

The Council have 10 houses in course of erection.

Licences have been granted for 6 houses and 1 bungalow by private enterprise.

Yours truly,

H. W. BOLTON,
M. Inst. M. & Cy. Eng., Cert. R.S.I.,
Water Engineer, Surveyor
and Sanitary Inspector.

April 29th, 1947.